Alberta Finance
Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 2001 TO OCTOBER 19, 2001

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month (m/m)	Month/Previous Year's Month (y/y)	Comments
New Motor Vehicle Sales	August			New motor vehicle sales in Canada increased in August, largely on the strength of new truck sales. The upward trend of motor vehicle sales that began at the start of the year continued, giving the highest monthly sales since September 2000. New vehicle sales increased in all provinces in August, with the largest advances in Newfoundland (5.9%) and Saskatchewan (5.9%). Sales in Alberta increased 0.2% in August to 16,052 units, and are up 5.6% from a year ago.
Alberta	16,052	0.2%	5.6%	
Canada	135,829	1.9%	-1.9%	
Consumer Price Index (1992=100)	September			The CPI rose 0.3% in September, primarily due to rising gasoline prices. Women's clothing prices (2.5%) and tuition fees (3.4%) also contributed to the increase, while decreases were witnessed for fresh vegetable (-10.5%) and natural gas prices (-3.6%). The Alberta CPI rose 0.7% in September and 2.8% from September 2000. The core CPI index (excluding food and energy) for Canada was up 0.1% in September and 2.1% from September 2000.
Alberta	122.4	0.7%	2.8%	
Canada	117.4	0.3%	2.6%	
Monthly Survey of Manufacturing ($ millions)	August			Canadian manufacturing shipments increased 0.7% in August to $43.2 billion, following two successive months of declines. Shipments increased in August in the petroleum and coal products industry but declined in the computer and electronic products and motor vehicle parts industries. For the first 8 months of this year, Canada manufacturing shipments are down 2.6%. Alberta manufacturing shipments were up 1.4% in August and 4.9% on a year-to-date basis.
Alberta	3,664	1.4%	0.5%	
Canada	43,233	0.7%	-5.0%	